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KZFR Program Committee
Meeting Minutes for 15 October 2026 via Zoom

Meeting commences 5:04 p.m.

Members present: Grant Parks (chair), Rob Davidson (secretary), Gladys Chavez (joined at 5:30 pm), Vince Kotchian, Michelle Mussoto, Julie Nilsson, Bob Steinacher
Members absent: Robert Jones, Peter Ratner

Agenda Review
GP wants to add discussion of Lili's show name change to New Business. MM move to approve; JN second. Unanimous vote to approve.

Previous Meeting Minutes
No changes to meeting minutes for September. MM move to approve; JN second. Unanimous vote to approve.

Public Comment
From Julian Mendoza on 28 September 2026 via Google Public Comments page:

> Hello. I wanted to bring up the idea of a "No AI" policy at KZFR. We are community radio and I don't want our listeners to second guess whether or not our programming was done using AI. I am not certain but I think some of the work I have done with the KZFR history project. (Namely the grpahics) were rendered with AI image generators. If the station or a programmer has or wants to use AI, there should at the very least be a disclaimer that something is created with AI. But I would prefer we just don't use it at all since we are all artist of some kind at the station. AI is a large talking point right now. I think it should be discuessed, but having our staff or designers use it on program or KZFR related materials should be discouraged.

GP notes that AI was discussed at recent All Station meeting. There's more AI-generated music available now as opposed to human-generated music. Other community radio stations similar in size and audience to us have developed policies, distinguishing administrative and business uses of AI from music and programming content.
PR, in an email, recommends we ban AI in terms of on-air programming, but realize it might occasionally slip through.
RJ, in an email, mentions that he likes the idea of a disclaimer as opposed to rule.

RD suggests this could be a marketing opportunity for the station. We can position ourselves as “Real Music for Real People,” distinguishing our station as one that focuses more-or-less exclusively on human generated content. This in contrast to the automated, algorithm generated stuff on other stations. There are stations that might broadcast AI-generated stuff. Not KZFR. We stress authenticity.

JN asks: what is the public awareness level of AI music right now? GP is not sure about awareness. JN suggests this might be an educational opportunity. VK agrees. We can rely on the depth of expertise each programmer exhibits.

GP says we’re in agreement. We don’t want AI content on the air. How to respond to the occasional, perhaps accidental, incident is a matter for further discussion. Let’s continue the discussion in November and consider a policy recommendation or a guideline to forward to the Technology Advisory Committee and/or the Document Review Committee for eventual inclusion in the Programmer’s Handbook.

Action Items

None.

GM Report & General Discussion

Old Business

Smiley and Lars started the new schedule on Friday, October 9, 2026. Lars is broadcasting "Dinosaur Hour" 6:00p-8:30p and Smiley is broadcasting "Cultural Roots of Aztlan" 8:30pm-11:00pm.

GP reports that Jackie Powers prefers to stick with her current Tuesday slot. That means the Friday 11pm-1am slot remains open.

New Business

Zephyr News is interested in moving their program from Thursdays at 7pm to Fridays at 11:30am. This would allow more time to produce coverage of City Council/Board of Supervisors meetings, better production turnaround, and allow more time for editing.

GP wonders if Zephyr News might cover a story or issue that Peace & Social Justice will also cover? Possible repetition or redundancy?

RD agrees it could be an issue, but Zephyr News is more likely to be a news report, whereas Peace & Social Justice is more likely to be opinion and discussion.

JN suggests Zephyr News could loop Peace & Social Justice in about upcoming topics, and vice-versa.

BS says it isn’t necessarily bad for them to cover the same topic. Two local programs covering local issues. They might actually reinforce one another.

GP: We’ll make the Zephyr News time slot change an action item in November.

Discussion of Program Committee attendance policy. From the KZFR Bylaws (Article 6, Section 3): “A member of the Program Committee shall be removed from the committee for excessive absences. Excessive absences shall consist of missing more than 25% of regular meetings in a single fiscal year. Removal from committee for excessive absences shall not require a vote of the Board of Directors.”

GP notes that the intention of this policy is to promote engagement and also to ensure we have a quorum. Obviously, there can be extenuating circumstances that might cause a PC member to miss meetings. There are provisions on the Board of Directors, for example, to grant exceptions when warranted. GP and RD will help keep PC members apprised of their attendance status.

GP: Lili wants to change the name of her show to “Lunch Time with Lili,” moving away from “The Power of Love.” GP notes that Lili has been advised about payola and plugola. She often mentions her restaurant on the air. A “notice of caution” has been issued. This potentially puts the station in a difficult legal spot.

Otherwise, the name change is basically okay. PC members should listen to archive broadcasts of Lili’s show to determine if they think she is mentioning the restaurant too often.

MM: this is not the first time Lili has been warned about plugola. This has come up before.

RD: let’s research how many times this has come up. If there are already multiple warnings, the station should consider taking action.

GP will review previous emails and correspondence. It should be in the PC minutes, too. Let’s revisit in November.

GC asks about the policy if there is a violation. GP notes that there are specific disciplinary policies in the Programmer’s Handbook. GP will revisit that policy and get back to the PC.

Comments on Current Programming

RD notes that All Mixed Up has been very strong recently. Michael Gregg in particular is an excellent programmer.

GP notes that Brenton on Radio Radics has grown a lot as a programmer. Stronger on-air personality.

MM asks about Kevin and Bohemian Express. He seems to be discussing religion and playing more faith-based music. GP notes that Kevin shared with the staff and Board of Directors that he has had a change in his personal faith practice recently and this one reason why he quit the Kozmic Forecast.

JN shares that Swing Time is a fun show. Listening to it inspired her and her husband to attend the Swing jazz concert recently.

BS enjoys Swing Time and Ska-T’s Tea Party.

VK enjoys Preston and Blues Bayou. All the knowledge! Good example of expertise in a genre.

MM: Hondo and his Zydeco/Cajun shows are another example. We have a lot of talented, informed programmers.

Meeting Finalization

- GP will research history of correspondence with Lili re: plugola and previous warnings. PC is invited to listen to archival recordings to spot excessive mentions of Lili’s Steakhouse.
- PC will vote on proposed time slot change for Zephyr News.
- PC is invited to listen to Bohemian Express to determine to what extent the content has shifted.
- Continue discussion of AI policies. GP will review KBOO and other community radio stations about policy examples.

Next meeting will be Thursday, 19 November 2026, 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. The December meeting will be in-person.

6:07 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Davidson, Secretary